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The Examiner has indicated that claims 35 to 53, 58 and 59 are allowed. Other than these claims, the only claims remaining on file in the application is claim 55.

Previous claims 1 to 23, 25 to 34 and 60 to 75 are withdrawn from consideration. Previous claims 24, 54, 56 and 57 which were rejected have been deleted.

In respect of claim 55, the applicant submits that allowed independent claim 35 is a generic claim directed to the single disclosed species and that with the allowance of this generic claim, the applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to other additional species which require all the limitations of this allowable generic claim. Thus, claim 55 which depends upon claim 35 is respectfully submitted to also be allowable.

Claim 55 recites on a species "X" namely, Figure 31. The embodiment of Figure 31 differs from the embodiment of the elected species VIII of Figures 22 to 30 merely in the manner of coupling the impeller to the motor. The consideration, for example, of Figure 27 of the elected species and Figure 31 effectively shows that the only difference is the manner of coupling of the impeller to the motor. In the circumstances, it is submitted that it is reasonable that claim 55 also be considered as allowable. The applicant nevertheless confirms provisional election made on February 7, 2006 without traverse to prosecute the invention as species 9, claims 24, 35-54, 56-59.

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